programmes and participation in food fair etc.

(c) As per present indications, the exports of chillies and turmeric during 1985-86 are expected to b> lower than the preceding years. No specific figure can be indicated at this stage for exports anticipated during 1985-86.

(a) A StatemenfTridicafing exports during the last three year is annexed.

Statement

	Quantity Metric Tonnes	Value '000 Rs.
Chillies		
1982-83	12888·46	12,35,43·91
1983-84	10610·45	8,78,26·80
1984-85	8150·66	9,66,57·00
Turmeric		
1982-83	7594·76	4,23,54·25
1983-84	10891·88	11,05,50·06
1984-85	12922·87	17,15,70·11

Financial irregularities by certain parties in Assam and Gujarat

2876. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received, on the 27th September, 1985 a copy of the detailed information in writing addressed to Member (Investigation), Central Board of Direct Taxes under his Ministry supported by 3 photo copies of relevant documents about substantial tax evasion, benami bank accounts and serious irregularities involving huge amounts by certain parties at Dibrugarh (Assam) in actlve^collusion with certain parties at Tinsukia (Assam) and Ahmedabad (Gujarat)";

fb) if so. what follow-up action has been taken in the matter; and

(c) if no actio$_n$ has yet been taken, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) (a) No such communication appears to have been received in the office of the Finance Minister on 27-9-1985.

(b) and (c) Question do not arise.

, News-item "Kudennukh Authorities 'Hush-Up' A Murder case'

2877. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES j be pleased t$_0$ state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Kudremukh authorities 'hush up' a murder case" which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* dated the* 4th October, 1985;

(b) if ec. what are the details cf the case; [

(c) whether th$_e$ culprits have been rounded up and the case has been registered; and

.(d) whelher any compensation has Oeen paid to the widow of the deceased?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Late Shri S. Narayanan, the Chief Vigilance Officer of Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited, visited Kudremukh on 22-7-1985 o$_n$ official business and stayed at the Company's Guest House. On the morning

of 23-7-1985 his body was found hanging in th* room from the ceiling hook provided for suspending the fan. The Police authorities were immediately informed of th© incident and were requested to make detailed investigations in the matter. A case of murder haa been registered with! the Kudremukh Police Station. Police investigations are in progress. It is under-Stood that no arrests have yet been made.

(d) The widow of 'ate Shri Narayanan has been given all neeessary help. All dues have been paid to her and she has been provided with a job in the Corporate office o'f the Company at Bangalore. A claim has also been lodged with the Insurance Company for payment under the Group Personal Accident Insurance Scheme for Executives. The matter is being pursued with the Insurance Company for early settlement of the claim.

2878. *[Transferred to the nth December,* 1985.]

Search for Limestone deposits

2879. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will thj Minister of STEEL AND MINES' be pleased to state:

(al whether it is a fact that the National Council for Cement and Building has recently warned that tha raw material resource of the cement Industry will soon be depleted if search for limestone deposits is not intensified and more reserves tapped from the "measured" category; and

(b) if so, what steps are bein-j taken to undertake search for limestone deposits in the country in general and particularly in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SlNGH); (a) and (b) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the table of House.

Vijay Spinning Mills near Vijaywada

2880. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN-. Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the i11 treatment meted out to famale workers in the Vijay Spinning Mills near Vijaywada; and

(b) if so, what steps Government has taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (.a) and (b) The matter was taken up with th» Government of Andhra Pradesh and the State Government intimated that the State Minister for Labour and Stat,; Labour Commissioner convened meetings to sort out the grievances of women workers and an agreement was arrived at on 18-7-85 between the parties. The State Government has also stated th it specific cases of harassm:nt of women workers ^fill b2 looked in *k*> oy them-

Closed Mills

2881. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state.

(a) how many industrial units and mills were closed down during the last three years;

(b) how many workers were affected by these closures and how many mandays were lost; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to get these units reopened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRl T. ANJAIH): (a) and fb) According to information received in the Labour Bureau, a statement showing number of closures and number of workers affected during the years 1983 to 1985 (January-September) is attached (See *below).* There can be no loss of mandays due to closures.

(c) Both the Central and State Governments have been taking steps to get closed indusarial units reopened through appropriate rehabilitation packages which include concessions, reliefs and finaricial assistance on soft terms and resolution of disputes, if any through conciliation, ad-